



HPSD Board of Trustees meeting highlights

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HIGH PRAIRIE, AB – High Prairie School Division’s Board of Trustees held its regular monthly Board meeting on Wednesday, March 17, 2010 at central office in High Prairie.

Board appointments to ASBA approved

The board approved a motion by Trustee Lenny Richer to submit Trustee Rudy Willier’s name for consideration as the representative to sit on the Alberta School Boards Association (ASBA) task force on First Nation, Metis & Inuit Student Success.

The task force will consist of one representative from each zone and one Metro board representative. The purpose of the task force is to address the deliverables in the proposed action plan as submitted by ASBA’s Board of Directors on Feb. 12, 2010. This includes: developing terms of reference, guiding the action plan, monitoring progress, acting as a communications vehicle and sharing promising practice/policy regarding successful FNMI student learning.

The board approved a motion from Trustee Richer to submit Chair Joyce Dvornek’s name for consideration as the ASBA representative to sit on the Joint Stakeholder Committee on Children & Poverty.

The committee’s purpose is to advise Provincial Executive Council of the Alberta Teachers’ Association on issues related to children living in poverty.

The board approved a motion by Trustee Gary Doran to submit the name of Trustee Monica Edwards’ for consideration as ASBA’s representative to sit on the Careers... The Next Generation Advisory Committee (sponsored by Alberta Chamber of Resources).

The purpose of the committee is to provide advice and feedback on topics and issues relevant to the vision, mission and work of Careers to the president and management of Careers.

Electronic board meeting participation discussed

The board accepted a recommendation from HPSD administration to not permit trustee participation in board meetings via electronic means at this time due to technological and budget restrictions. The decision falls on the heels of a recent amendment to Section 71 of the School Act which allows trustee participation in a meeting of the board via electronic means if trustees and members of the public can hear each other.

Amended international RMSS field trip dates approved

The board approved a motion by Trustee Doran to accept the amended dates for an international field trip by Roland Michener Secondary School to Egypt from April 3 to 12, 2010.

Additional international field trips approved

The board gave “approval in full” to E.W. Pratt School for its proposed international field trip to

France from April 1 to 11, 2010 following a motion from Trustee Karin Scholl. The board's motion also "strongly encouraged" regular student attendance for classes on April 12.

A separate motion from Trustee Richer resulted in the board authorizing Roland Michener Secondary School to attend and participate in a music festival in Nelson, B.C. from April 21 to 25, 2010.

2010-2011 Operational Year Calendar approved

The board approved a motion from Trustee Edwards to accept the Operational Year Calendar for 2010-2011. The calendar can be viewed on HPSD's website under "documents" at www.hpsd48.ab.ca. Proposed changes to School Year Calendars in Slave Lake and High Prairie/Joussard were also approved by the board following a motion from Trustee Karin Scholl.

August board meeting date amended

The board passed a motion from Trustee Doran to amend the board's August 2010 meeting date from Aug. 18 to Aug. 25.

2010 HPSD Board of Trustees election

The board approved a motion from Trustee Doran for HPSD to enter into an agreement with the Municipal Districts of Smoky River and Big Lakes as well as the Town of Slave Lake to conduct elections for the Board of Trustees in October of 2010.

Strategic planning priorities established for 2010-2011

The board approved a motion from Trustee Richer to accept three divisional strategic planning priorities for the 2010-2011 year as part of its 2010-2013 Three Year Education Plan. The priorities include: (1) HPSD will ensure that students, parents and community are engaged in the education process; (2) HPSD will ensure a high quality of teaching and; (3) HPSD will ensure effective counseling services.

Capital Budget allocation increase approved

The board approved a motion from Trustee Doran to increase the Capital Budget allocation of \$100,000 in 2007-2008 to \$250,000.

Board selects Edwin Parr Teacher Award candidate

The board approved a motion from Trustee Scholl to select Luke Peters as HPSD's candidate to represent the division in Zone 1 for the 2010 Alberta School Boards Association's Edwin Parr Teacher Award.

Next board meeting

The next HPSD Board of Trustees meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 21, 2010 at Ecole Routhier School in Falher. The meeting starts at 10 a.m.

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